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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2826**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 04329.3269

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Soichi HOMMA

Serial No.: 10/798,433

Filed: March 12, 2004

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD OF THE SAME

Group Art Unit: 2826

Examiner: Sandvik, Benjamin P.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005, the period for response extending through March 15, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 10.